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TITLE OF INVENTION **DEVICE FOR LIMITING ACCESS TO A CONFINED SPACE**

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

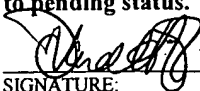
1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
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3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto:
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).
8. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
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 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
9. ☐ A language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
10. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
11. ☒ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
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13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17. ☐ A substitute specification.
18. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

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Dear Sir:

This is further to telephone conversations with Paulette Kidwell March 7-11. As requested on March 4, enclosed is a copy of the submission originally filed in the U.S. Patent Office under 35 U.S.C. § 371 on September 19, 2003.

Please contact the undersigned for any additional information. I look forward to receiving the Notice of Acceptance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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